

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Takashi YAZAWA et al. : Attn: BOX PCT
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COMPONENT RECOGNIZING METHOD
AND APPARATUS AND COMPONENT
MOUNTING METHOD AND APPARATUS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend
the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the original abstract (page 114) with the enclosed substitut
abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the following claims:

A | 1.(Amended) A component recognizing method for recognizing with one
recognition unit surfaces to be recognized of a plurality of components held by a plurality
of component holding members which are vertically moved selectively by a single drive